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**THE MPO IS PLANNING TODAY
TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF TOMORROW**

Miami, FL – The Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the agency responsible for the transportation planning process in Miami-Dade County, is currently analyzing the South Miami Dade Corridor's transportation demands for the future. The corridor is approximately 20-miles stretching from the Dadeland South Metrorail Station to Florida City along US-1.

According to Wilson Fernandez, MPO's Project Manager, "We are in the beginning stages of conducting an Alternative Analysis (AA) planning to determine the long-range transit investment strategy beyond the Busway for the South Miami-Dade Corridor. The AA will take approximately 15 months to complete."

"The Alternative Analysis is a way for us at the MPO to look at all means of transportation. This includes, but not limited to, possibly adding more buses, grade separation of key Busway intersections, light-rail, Metrorail, etc. Our main goal is to safely move the traveling public in an efficient manner. There will be an extensive multimedia public involvement component as part of the process with the creation of a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to stay on the transportation pulse of the community," stated Jose-Luis Mesa, Miami-Dade MPO Director.

Currently, the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) and the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) identify the South Miami-Dade corridor upgrade in premium transit facilities. We want to get the communities involved and keep the citizens aware of the projects. This is the best way for the MPO to plan today for the demands of tomorrow, stated Mr. Fernandez.

If you live around the South Miami Dade Corridor and want to get involved with this project please call the MPO at (305) 375-4507 or visit our website www.miamidade.gov/mpo.

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